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¶1. (SBU) On September 20, Pol/C met with Jun Cardenas, Executive Director of the Office of American Affairs at the Department of Foreign Affairs, to urge the Philippine government to accept President Bush's invitation to join the newly announced Asia Pacific Democracy Partnership. Cardenas listened carefully to the presentation and agreed to send a formal reply before October 12 on whether the Philippine government would take part in the proposed organizing meeting in Mali in November.

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